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TOPIC Wittstock AirfieldEVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 30 November 1953 to 3 January 1954DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 21 January 1954

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1. The following air activity was observed at Wittstock airfield between 30 November and 29 December 1953:

30 November. No air activity was observed at the field although visibility was good.

1 December. About 2 p.m., 3 swept-back jet fighters took off, assembled in a wedge formation and performed left banks; the aircraft which took off second flew lead. No additional air activity was observed.

2 December. Nine swept-back jet fighters were counted in front of the hangars and 4 such aircraft south of the east end of the runway. The observation was made from the gap in the fence. There was good visibility. Around 4:15 p.m., a single-engine high-wing monoplane landed at the field.

3 December. No air activity was conducted. The weather was foggy.

4 December. Around 1 p.m., two swept-back jet fighters took off, subsequently made a steep gliding flight over the area east of the field and gave one burst of fire each. These approach flights were repeated 3 to 5 times.

5 to 10 December. There was no air activity. The weather usually was foggy.

21 December. No flights were made because of fog.

22 December. Between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., a swept-back jet fighter approached the airfield in low level flight.

23 to 28 December. No air activity was observed at the field. The weather mostly was unfavorable.

29 December. Two swept-back jet fighters took off at 3 p.m., made a steep gliding flight in spread-out formation, and landed around 3:40 p.m. At 4 p.m., 4 swept-back jet fighters and 1 single-engine high-wing

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monoplane were parked in front of the hangars, and 4 alert swept-back jet fighters were observed at the eastern end of the runway. 1

2. On 2 December, six 37 mm AA guns were observed in the emplacements in the southwestern corner of the field. 2 Five or six men were practicing on each gun. Seven aircraft revetments were identified between the runway and canal in the northern section of the field.

3. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 3 and 12 December:

3 December. At 10:30 a.m., eight jet fighters were towed to the take-off point. The engines were run up around noon. Subsequently, the aircraft were again towed back to the hangars by trucks.

4 December. At 11:30 a.m., two MiG-15s took off and made aerobatics over the field. The aircraft landed at noon and again took off at 12:15 p.m.

5 and 6 December. No air activity was conducted at the field.

8 December. Eight jet fighters were parked in front of the hangars. The weather was foggy. No flights were made.

9 to 12 December. No air activity was observed at the field. The weather was foggy and hazy.

4. The following observations were made at the field between 4 December 1953 and 3 January 1954:

4 December. Between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., no air activity was conducted at the field. Four MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars.

5 and 6 December. No flights were made. The weather was hazy.

7 December. In the afternoon, 1 twin-engine aircraft and 1 biplane were observed in front of the repair hangar. No air activity was observed throughout the day.

8 and 9 December. No air activity was conducted. There was foggy weather.

11 December. Around 2 p.m., no aircraft were observed parked at the field. There was rain and poor visibility. No air activity was conducted at the field.

14 to 16 December. No air activity was observed. The possibilities of observation were rather poor. There was a medium degree of cloudiness.

17 December. During the morning, individual jet aircraft were observed flying over the town.

18 to 20 December. There was no air activity.

21 December. Around 11:15 a.m., one jet aircraft flew over the town.

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22 to 27 December. Source did not observe the field however, no air activity was observed over the town.

29 December. In the afternoon, individual MiG-15s were observed flying. There was a 7/10 overcast. Six jet fighters were parked in front of the hangars.

30 December. During the morning and afternoon, two jet aircraft each flew over the town.

31 December. No air activity was observed. Around 4 p.m., a jet aircraft was parked in front of the repair hangar.

1 and 2 January. No air activity was observed.

3 January. At 2:30 p.m., there was no activity at the field. It snowed and the sky was 10/10 overcast.

5. Light AA guns were still observed in the AA gun emplacement south of the west end of the runway. The operational personnel were not observed being active. 2 The following motor vehicles were observed entering and leaving the airfield:

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1. Comment. It is believed that Wittstock airfield is still occupied by the Hq Northern Ftr Corps and a fighter regiment with 30 to 35 MiG-15s.

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2. Comment. The AA gun emplacement was reported previously.

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